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Legislative Work Session

Howard County Council
Monday, June 27, 2016
C. Vernon Gray Room
4:30 p.m.

Minutes (Approved)

The Chairperson opened the work session at 4:34 p.m.

Members Present: Calvin Ball, Chairperson; Jon Weinstein, Vice Chairperson; Mary Kay Sigaty; Jen Terrasa.

Not Present: Greg Fox.

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Jim Vannoy, Senior Assistant County Solicitor

Council Resolution 92-2016 – Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive; A RESOLUTION approving a financial assurance plan for Howard County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit programs, in accordance with Section 4-202.1 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Mr. Weinstein gave a brief introduction on his reasoning for adding this item to the agenda, including questions on funding sources and future considerations such as nutrient trading. Phil Nichols, Mark Deluca, Jim Caldwell, and Rushane Jones discussed the Financial Assurance Plan and answer questions from the Council.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Updated projections for agricultural preservation fund balance
- A specific description of what state legislation the Administration plans to request

Council Resolution 88-2016 – Introduced by: Calvin Ball; A RESOLUTION creating the School System Budget Review Committee and directing the County Auditor to conduct a financial audit of the Howard County Public School System.

Dr. Ball provided a brief overview of the resolution and his rationale for the provisions of the resolution as proposed and indicated that he is open to possible amendments. Council members discussed questions. Ellen Flynn Giles provided an explanation of the various audits of the school system which are currently under way or were recently completed.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Clarification from the Office of Law about restrictions that would apply to a performance audit contracted for by the State Board of Education
- Clarification on whether a financial audit can include a review of whether contracts were appropriately bid

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.